



# SBIR

## Success Stories

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

## FOREST PRODUCTS MAXIMIZATION

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### INNOVATION

Developed procedures for increasing the use and, therefore, the value of under-utilized trees and wood products.



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ Identified and recovered under-utilized and waste-stream wood.
- ▶ Converted recovered wood materials into products for the "green" marketplace. Green building, which promotes the use of recycled and recovered products, is a nearly 500 billion dollar market in the U.S. construction sector.
- ▶ Integrated wood suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and sellers into an industry driven commercialization effort.

### IMPACTS

- ▶ Used proprietary wood recovery techniques and conventional woodworking technologies to produce a selection of "environmentally friendly" value added, recovered wood products.
- ▶ Developed and trademarked the brand Maine Made & Green for Maine wood products manufacturers.

**SBIR COMPETITIVELY AWARDS SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF SOLVING IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.**

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